

**REQUEST
For
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number	09/456,371
Filing Date	December 8, 1999
First Named Inventor	Bollmann, et al.
Group Art Unit	1771
Examiner Name	Roche, L.
Attorney Docket Number	IN-12010

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) to above will be entered.)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

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- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-2789.
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17
- iii. ☒ Other Any addition fees
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$770.00 enclosed | 11/18/2003 JADD01 00000068 09456371
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) | 01 FC:1801 770.00 OP

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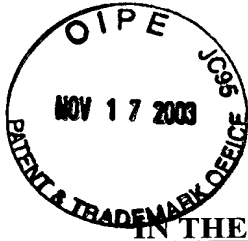
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In re application of: Heinrich Bollmann, et al.
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Examiner: Roche, L.
For: COMPOSITE ELEMENTS COMPRISING (i) THERMOPLASTIC
POLYURETHANES AND (ii) MICROCELLULAR
POLYURETHANE ELASTOMERS
Docket No. 12010

AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated June 9, 2003, paper no. 20, the subject Amendment is being submitted in conjunction with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider the following amendments and accompanying remarks clarifying the claimed invention in view of the prior art.